

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Jeff Fortenberry yesterday voted against the \$150 billion so-called “Son of Stimulus,” a bill that would add to the nearly \$1 trillion stimulus plan passed earlier this year. The vote came following passage of a House bill to increase the national debt limit by \$290 billion to facilitate further out-of-control spending in Washington, D.C. Fortenberry voted against this measure.

“It is unfortunately ironic that on the 236th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, Congress continues the unsustainable spending at the expense of the American taxpayers,” said Fortenberry. “On that cold night in 1773, a group of American colonists demanded a change from the choking injustice of government overreach. Following yesterday’s events, as well as the dizzying array of interventions that have swept into every sphere of American life, fundamentally restructuring the relationship between the government and her people, millions of Americans are today rightfully demanding accountability.

“Since last October, the various massive, unrestrained bailouts and spending bills have added unprecedented layers of spending and threaten to pass an unsustainable debt burden on to our children and future generations,” Fortenberry said. “Raising the debt ceiling to accommodate further spending and tacking on another layer to the previously-passed stimulus measure will only exacerbate this serious problem. We must get our nation’s fiscal house in order—and that will include dumping the credit binge.”

Since 2000, government spending and the national debt (now \$12 trillion) have doubled. The national debt now consists of nearly \$40,000 for every man, woman, and child in America.

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